

Lieutenant Governor Garamendi Hosts Breakfast for and Delivers Keynote Address at California Senior Legislature

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SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi hosted his annual breakfast for close to 100 members of the California Senior Legislature this morning in his Sacramento Capitol office. Garamendi also delivered the keynote address for the California Senior Legislature in the Assembly chambers, focusing on the ways California’s budget impacts seniors.

In his keynote address, Garamendi highlighted the ways cuts to adult daycare, In-Home Supportive Services, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer’s services, and other senior services compromise California’s ability to fulfill its commitment to its elderly population. Garamendi also emphasized the importance of majority rule, calling for the repeal of the two-thirds majority requirement to pass budgets and adjust taxes.

The California Senior Legislature consists of 80 Senior Assemblymembers and 40 Senior Senators representing all areas of the state. California is home to more than 6.5 million voting seniors. Elections to the California Senior Legislature are held once every four years at Planning and Services Areas (PSAs) in California which were established by the federal Older Americans Act of 1965. Six bills considered last year by the Senior Legislature were passed by the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger. This year they are considering more than 60 bills.